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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's amendment filed 12/29/2010 has been entered. Applicants arguments filed 12/29/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Tachino's (US 2006/0057318) filing date is December 27, 2002, however the filing date for the German priority document (DE 10260072.4) for the present application is December 19, 2002. Applicant will be submitting a certified translation of the German priority document. However, it should be noted that no certified translation of the German document have been received which makes it insufficient to perfect priority and overcome the prior art rejection. Thus, the rejection of record has been maintained.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RONAK PATEL whose telephone number is (571)270-1142. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 8 AM EST to 6PM EST.

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